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Cold temperatures allowed for the official start of ice racing season in Minden, drawing crowds over the chilly weekend to cheer racers on. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

AH urges caution when accessing Maple Lake

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands suggests people be cautious when trying to access Maple Lake.

It's the latest chapter in an ongoing dispute about the ownership of land along North Shore Road near its intersection with Dawson Road that people need to cross to get to the lake.

In a press release issued Jan. 24, officials with the municipality said they were aware of a recent "altercation" involving members of the public regarding the subject lands.

No details about the alleged altercation were given in the release.

"As a result of this incident and given that this matter is still before the Ontario Court of Justice as well as the Superior Court of Ontario, it is recommended that anyone attempting to traverse the subject lands to access Maple Lake do so with caution," the

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Minden housing gets green light

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

MPP Laurie Scott surprised Minden locals on Tuesday, Jan. 28 with a last-minute press conference, slotted for 10:30 a.m. On short-notice, Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter and Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen were able to meet Scott near the Minden Legion for an announcement regarding housing.

Last year, the Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation (KLHC) put in an ask to the provincial government for two grants in an effort to support housing initiatives in both Minden and Lindsay. At the press conference, Scott announced that both grants had been approved for the full amounts; allowing the projects to move forward.

The ask for Minden was 2.4 million, and was to cover a project slated for the Gull River of 35 units. Since 2018, the contentious property has been in discussion at multiple levels of government; hitting snags along the way with the Ministry of Transportation, as well as municipal zoning regulations.

"But now, all the work has been done in terms of geo-technical requirements," said Carter. "And it's financially viable to start this project now."

The property was originally owned by Bill Switzer, who had approached Carter in 2018 about using the plot to fill in the housing gaps, ever-present in the village of Minden. The land travels next to Rotary Park, and alongside the Gull River behind the Minden Legion.

At the time, Carter was a councillor for Minden Hills, and was the chair for the housing task force. "It's been a team effort between councils and housing corporations," noted Carter, "and we finally got everything signed off."

Carter was surprised by the announcement that came through the early morning of Jan. 28, noting that he was informed of the news approximately 40 minutes prior to the press conference. While still slightly in shock, the Minden mayor is optimistic about next steps, and noted that KLHC is in the process of sending out tenders to break ground on the housing development.

MPP Laurie Scott, Mayor Bob Carter, and Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen stand at what will soon be the entry point to 35 new housing units off the Gull River. Scott announced that the provincial government has approved 2.4 million for the project. /photo submitted

County looks to attract younger municipal candidates

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

The world is getting younger, but you wouldn't realize that if the makeup of most municipal councils was the indicator.

Each of Haliburton County's four lower tier townships are paid in the same ballpark, with Algonquin Highlands' remuneration being the highest.

In Algonquin Highlands, the mayor each year receives $36,723.65. The deputy mayor is on the books for $29,379.05 a year. Councillors receive $24,645.30 a year in salary.

Dysart's mayor is annually paid $32,219, the deputy mayor is compensated $25,775, and councillors get $22,552.

The annual salary paid to members of council could be increased the first day of each year based on the consumer price index for Ontario. There are also such benefits as compensation for mileage travelled for township business.

According to information provided by the township, Highlands East compensates its mayor, the head of council, as much as $32,500 a year. The deputy mayor is rewarded $26,150 a year, and regular councillors are paid an annual sum of $22,025.

That's for two meetings a month and councillors are paid $75 for each meeting above the 24 scheduled gatherings. Representatives of the township are paid $75 for each day they attend conferences and meetings and such.

Information about council compensation in Minden Hills wasn't available as of press time.

The upper tier council greenlighted in December a comparison of council remuneration among municipalities and counties of similar size. The idea was broached during county council meeting, a debate about the 2025 operating and capital budget, that more coin might convince younger people to throw their hats in the electoral ring.

There's plenty of time, given the next municipal elections in Ontario isn't until Oct. 26, 2026.

It can be argued that social concerns shared by people counted among the Boomer generation are not the same as those fretted about by the Gen Z and the Millennial crowds.

The younger generations could share some past-generation concerns, but the world has continued to spin up to today and climate issues and workforce concerns exist today that didn't even 20 years ago. As is often said: The times, they change and change is the only thing that's certain between the ages.

So the question was broached by a number of Ontario small-town councils as respective 2025 municipal budgets were inked, some of them wrestled with a question of if councillors should get a raise for their time.

In Haliburton County, Councillor Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, said in December that he isn't an advocate for more spending, but he wondered if a few more dollars in the compensation coffer for the next council would pique younger residents' interest.

Fearrey said local residents' average age is older than 70 years.

"And we're not attracting younger people because they can't leave their jobs and come to work and do this (council) job," he said. "And it is a job now. It's not like it was."

Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said 75 per cent of council members are seniors, which is not representative of residents despite having been elected.

"Having thought about that and the fact that normally if there's any consideration given to an increase for councils, it's done for the incoming council," she said.

If an increase were to be considered, the possibility of phasing it in over a number of years should also be considered, she said.

"So that there's less impact on the budget overall," Danielsen said.

She said many people don't realize that councillors don't earn a livable wage.

Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said he agreed with Fearrey but implementing an increase in phases would be difficult.

"One of the notions of why we would have an increase is to try to attract people to the job," Carter said. "And we almost need to have that determined up front at the time of the next election."

For the most part, serving on a council is no longer a part-time job, he said.

"And if we're going to ask for people to dedicate all of their time to this and do it right, I think that they have to be compensated for it," Carter said.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has a Youth Fellowship Program to stoke the fire of political engagement among young people. Youth in this context refers to people 25 to 30 years old.

It's a work-integrated learning opportunity that gives three young people from across Ontario who are interested in municipal politics an opportunity to connect with association members.

It provides insight into policy development and critical municipal issues.

An article in the March 2023 issue of *Municipal World* magazine about the AMO's 2022 conference in Ottawa detailed some of the suggestions given by that year's fellowship participants. Incidentally, that was the year of the last municipal elections in Ontario.

According to the magazine, high school and post-secondary years are an impressionable time for young people. They're looking for work, many of them starting their first jobs and giving their first thoughts to future professions.

"Frankly, a career in municipal government does not have the same hype or acclaim as, say, a doctor or lawyer," it read. "Students also may not even be aware of it as an option.

"Young people must be provided with opportunities to learn about local government and the rewarding career possibilities as an elected representative or municipal public servant."

Of course, a bump in monetary compensation for the current economically trying times couldn't hurt, either.

Access dispute ongoing, despite past legal action

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press release stated.

The disputed property has been used for decades for emergency access and ice fishing.

A small group of area residents is making claims they own the property and have been expressing this to members of the public attempting to access the lake.

Much misinformation was circulated in the dispute's early days in the community and on social media channels regarding private ownership claims. Those claims have not been corroborated through any documentation.

The township initiated legal action last year in an attempt to settle the dispute about public access to Maple Lake.

The fracas stems from private individuals allegedly restricting public use of shoreline road allowances. It's been an ongoing dispute since February 2024.

The municipality seeks an injunction on the alleged activity that relates to the obstruction or occupation of parts of the shoreline road allowances around Maple Lake. "Extensive research by legal professionals and Ontario land surveyors has confirmed the land in question is a municipal shore road allowance," the township stated last year.

"All road allowances, including shoreline road allowances within the geographical jurisdiction of the Township of Algonquin Highlands are, as per Section 28(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, under the ownership and jurisdiction of the municipality except where they have been closed and conveyed in accordance with applicable legislation."

Ontarians head to polls - sooner than later

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

It's official.

In a surprise to very few, Premier Doug Ford announced that he will be running a snap provincial election, with Ontarians headed to the polls on Feb. 27.

Ford made the announcement during a scheduled media conference in Brampton on Friday, Jan. 24. While the reasoning behind the quick vote - now set for over a year earlier than the originally planned election date of June, 2026 - isn't entirely clear, Ford seems to be pointing fingers to none other than the newly-elected American President, Donald Trump.

"We need a mandate from the people to fight against Donald Trump's tariffs," said Ford to the press on Friday. "He's coming against our families, our businesses, our communities."

Trump has suggested he would implement a 25 per cent levy on Canadian products as early as Feb. 1 of this year, but like many of the President's bold statements, the legitimacy of this call to action seems up for debate.

The other party leaders seem wary of Ford's decision to go ahead with the abrupt call. "In the face of looming tariff threats, Ontario needs stability, not an election," said Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner. "We need to demonstrate strength through unity to defend Canadian workers, Canadian jobs and Canadian companies."

"Any premier who calls a snap election like this in the middle of the winter is hoping that people aren't paying attention," said Ontario NDP Leader Marit Stiles to the press. "We need stability. Calling an election does not create stability. It looks to Donald Trump like an opportunity to shake things up even further. I think it's the wrong approach."

Ford also cited that the "lack of leadership" at a federal level played a part in his decision to call a snap election. Historically, Ontario voters have opted for different parties in power between the province and the country, and with polls suggesting that Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre may take the cake in Ottawa, many are assuming that Ford wants to secure his spot before the upcoming federal election, slated for this spring.

The *Echo* and the *Times* will continue to share political profiles and updates that will impact our local readers as details become available leading up to the Feb. 27 election date.

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> — NDP LEADER MARIT STILES

AH takes another swing at EV grant funds

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is making another attempt at funding for EV charging infrastructure at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Brian Mulholland, the project manager in the township's Public Works Department, said a second funding opportunity has been presented. An unsuccessful application was previously made to the provincial EV ChargeOn Program.

He said he reached out to the EV ChargeOn team to get feedback on the township's application.

"They said our application was sound," Mulholland said. "There were no holes. It was just a lot of demand for that type of funding and (only) so much money."

This time around, the township is setting sights on the federal Natural Resources Canada's Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program. That would also include electrical upgrades for the recreation centre.

"We're looking at that for the Dorset Rec Centre," he said about the upgrades. "To bring in air conditioning and improved heating."

Pollution Probe is one of Canada's first non-governmental environmental organizations. It has partnered with the federal government to serve as a third-party delivery organization and will distribute program funding.

Pollution Probe has independence in selecting recipients and will be responsible for administering a Funding Agreement between the two parties.

Pollution Probe is aligning efforts with FLO, a leading Canadian provider of EV charging infrastructure and network operations.

"The challenge is the timeline," Mulholland said.

All projects that get the funding must be completed and operational by March 31.

"That's where the problem with the timing came," Mayor Liz Danielsen said. "I thought it was when we get the application in. My concern is approving an expenditure that is equal to in excess of one per cent increase on our budget."

Staff recommends installing both Level 2 and Level 3 EV charging stations in two parking spots at the centre.

That combination satisfies the requirements for funding and will serve the needs of the Dorset community, Mulholland said in a report to council.

The project has an estimated cost of about $87,000.

Councillor Lisa Barry suggested the possibility of availing money in a reserve fund for environmental projects.

Money was approved for work at the recreation centre in the 2024 municipal capital budget. And that's on the books already and won't be additional funds in this year's budget.

"That helps a lot," Danielsen said.

Mulholland said funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis. That means the application has to be submitted as soon as possible. He suggested the air conditioning and the EV stations be considered to be Phase 2 of current renovation work underway at the facility.

That would avoid the time it would take to issue a tender and evaluate bids.

"So we would simply be extending an existing contract that has been tendered in the past," Danielsen said.

Council decided to include that as a component in the resolution that council will consider.

"So you're hearing yes," Danielsen said. "The concerns that we had have been responded to. We do have an existing contract in place, I think that makes perfect sense to go ahead."

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- Schedule C Fire
- Schedule D Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule I Water, Sewer, and Landfill

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Educating about aquatic therapy; Audrey Collins makes a splash

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Audrey Collins has helped hundreds of people gain confidence when it comes to walking, healing, and quite simply, living day-to-day.

But the aquatic therapist based out of Gelert wants to change the mindset of working in water. "It's not for everyone," she said. "I think there is a misconception about what aquatic therapy is."

Collins has over a decade of experience under her belt, with her specialization in aquatics taking shape after attending the Valense Clinic in Switzerland. She has worked with doctors and scientists out of hospitals across the country to study the effects of rehabilitation in the water, and has helped countless clients with physical, mental, and neurological challenges face their fears, all while achieving great functional gains.

"But it is more specific than people think," she shared. "Sometimes, people are referred to me, and I may not be able to help them." She noted that the programming could be beneficial to nearly everyone, but there may be limitations in place if a client's health does not allow them to enter a therapeutic pool.

The water can create complications for some clients, and there are contraindications and precautions to keep in mind. One of these is based quite simply on the body's response to being under the pressure of the water. Collins explained that when you enter a pool, the pressure increases around the body as a whole. This encourages the blood and fluids to begin circulating around the body, and the brain kickstarts a series of hormonal domino effects. For some with uncontrolled cardiac conditions, this could be dangerous.

Audrey Collins works with a wide variety of clients, and it adamant about educating around the benefits and purpose of aquatic therapy. /photo submitted

For others, buoyancy, pressure, and turbulence can improve circulation, which could result in a reduction in muscle spasms and an increased range of motion.

Quite simply, aquatic therapy, like any form of rehabilitation, is not for everyone. "But, if it is used at the perfect timing," noted Collins, "it will make some great gains."

She has set out to change the narrative around aquatic therapy, and while it may not help a select few, there are others who would deeply benefit from the practices. Collins is trying to educate people on the differences. "I often find I am a last resort, just because there is not enough education around it," she said.

Collins shared that one of the primary reasons she is so drawn to the water, is the removal of barriers that takes place once she is in the pool. "Being in the water brings a normalcy to movement," she said. "It takes away that fear of falling and hurting yourself, and not having that fear can be freeing. This also feeds your mental health so much. It can make you feel like anything is possible."

While Collins noted that the positive effects of aquatic therapy are being researched in the top hospitals around the world, there is a level of education that needs to be encouraged, so that the folks who would directly benefit from aquatic rehabilitation can access the programming.

One of the ways that she is continuing her desire to educate, is by assisting with hosting the seventh annual international conference on evidence based aquatic therapy, set for April 24 to 26 in Toronto. "I wanted to host it in Haliburton," Collins chuckled, "but the logistics of bringing over 200 people here from all over the world was too much."

The event has already drawn researchers from around the globe, including Australia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, to name a few. "This scientific peer-reviewed conference is a mix of podium presentations, workshops, posters and pool sessions focused on the current state of the evidence in the practice of aquatic therapy," noted the press release. All health professionals are welcome. Collins hopes that by joining like-minded people together during the conference, then the importance of the education and awareness around aquatic therapy can be clearly understood.

For more information on the upcoming conference, as well as any information around aquatic therapy, Collins can be reached at 705-457-6323. Out of her Gelert homebase, she also offers aqua yoga with Gail Holness, Aqua Fit with Meghan Cox, and physiotherapy with Jillian Mayhew. While rehabilitation programming may not be for everyone, there may be additional programs that can support the needs of the community. "I am providing a modality that's very unique in Haliburton County," she said. "And I want to push it further, because it is not being used enough."

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Great Guy: remembering Mr. Pritchard

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

It was a particularly cold Monday night.

The thermometer in the station at 100.9 Canoe FM showed minus 22 degree Celsius while the warm lights cast over a desk with various buttons and knobs.

On Monday nights, Penny Randall-Mowbray hosts a show titled *Locally Sourced;* a celebration of the talent and pride that comes from our corner of the world.

On this particularly cold Monday night, the show was all in the name of one person.

One person known by many as a teacher, an actor, a singer, a musician.

Launcelot "Guy" Pritchard. Known by most as simply Guy; he had a warm smile and an ease about him that made him approachable and likeable to all who crossed his path. He passed away at the age of 70, on Jan. 13.

And while news of his death spread across the community, with hundreds sharing their thoughts, memories, and stories they had with Guy, a few friends gathered together on a particularly cold Monday night at Canoe FM to celebrate him.

"We feel really privileged that we get to pay tribute to Guy Pritchard tonight on the show," started Penny, as the dim sign in the window flickered red to signal she was on the air in the cozy studio. "We have some of his friends here now."

One of these friends was musical colleague and performing partner, Jim Love. "We just want to remember the beauty that he brought into the world," he started. "We thought we could do that by just coming together, and sharing a little music."

Jim Love, Dave Bathe, and Sean Pennylegion joined Penny Randall-Mowbray in the Canoe FM studios to celebrate the life of Guy Pritchard through his love of music. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

As the evening got underway, more and more people trickled into the studio; their presence made known by the stomping of winter boots in the front hall; attempting to shake winter off at the door.

Dave Bathe, Sean Pennylegion, Shannon Neville. Faces and names who at some point in their local lives, had crossed musical paths with Guy. Sean had brought an original CD from 2006, when he and Guy had joined forces in a rock band, calling themselves Serendipity. "It was one of the first tight, cool bands from that era," said Jim Love, as they scoured the series of tunes on the album, showcasing the best of the best for listeners through the radio.

Guy's distinct vocal range carried from the studio, into the homes of Haliburton County on that cold Monday night, while his friends reminisced and shared their stories for all to hear. "If Guy were here, he'd be laughing at this," mused Jim Love, as the banter in the studio continued.

The energy in that cozy studio was palpable; warm, inviting, welcoming. Just like Guy.

While his friends shared their stories on-air, others called in. At one point, Ian Tamblyn, a Canadian musician and friend of Guy's, shared that he always saw him as a cross between Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut, and Randy Newman. Listeners and friends agreed to this description. Between his wealth of knowledge in the musical world, his wit, his sense of humour, and his beliefs, he was a friend to all.

"He had such a terrific voice," said Sean Pennylegion, "it always just cut right through. We're going to miss him."

As the show aired, the comments began to flow online in celebration of Guy. "Enjoyed the tribute show, and loved hearing the memories," one Facebook user said.

The beauty of music, is that it lives on, long after someone passes. Guy's passion for the arts and the creative community of Haliburton County will be far from forgotten. The clear memories and powerful ballads passed down from one musical aficionado to the next.

And as I drove home from the cozy studio at 100.9 Canoe FM, I found myself humming one of Guy's songs.

A little warmth, on that particularly cold Monday night.

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A season

IT'S NOT news.

The need for younger individuals to sit in places of power.

And in our community, those places of power look like municipal councils. They look like boards and service clubs and volunteer organizations.

James Matthews has a piece in the paper this week about council's remuneration during their stint in politics. It's far from a full-time wage, for what is essentially a full-time job, albeit often in reputation alone.

While a local councillor may only take a few hours out of their days each month to sit around a table and defer back to staff more often than not, their minor celebrity status makes it hard for them to pop into Foodland without hearing a complaint about Minden's newest pothole on Newcastle Street.

And that's a hard way to live, I'll give them that.

I myself once worked for the Township of Minden Hills. It's not for the faint of heart. I remember one day, I had to head into Haliburton to run some errands there. 26 kilometres from Minden. Approximately a seven song-length drive down the road.

I was stopped not once, but twice in Haliburton. "Shouldn't you be supporting Minden's economy?"

When we step into these positions of power, particularly in a small town, there is an onus of responsibility for the preservation of that community. And that's a lot of weight to carry. Particularly on young shoulders.

Now don't get me wrong, while I respect and appreciate our current sitting councils - particularly in light of the measly remuneration received (they don't do it for the money, that's clear), I strongly encourage young professionals to get involved in any position of power.

And while the financial status is one reason that perhaps only draws retirees to the roles, another one is quite simply the hustle and bustle of life.

When I first moved back to this community, I made an effort to join every board and organization I could. It gave me ties and anchors to a community I felt I needed to reintroduce myself into.

But as time went on, the dust began to settle in my world. The anchor sunk deeper and deeper into a place that quickly became my forever home; marriage, kids, dogs, a house.

And those things that tied me to the community shifted gears. It wasn't the boards and organizations that gave me purpose, suddenly, it was my family.

And that's just the season I am in.

Myself, and many other young professionals.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Being in a position of power in a small community needs a series of stars to align; financially stable, additional time, and a confidence that won't be waned when you're reamed out at Foodland.

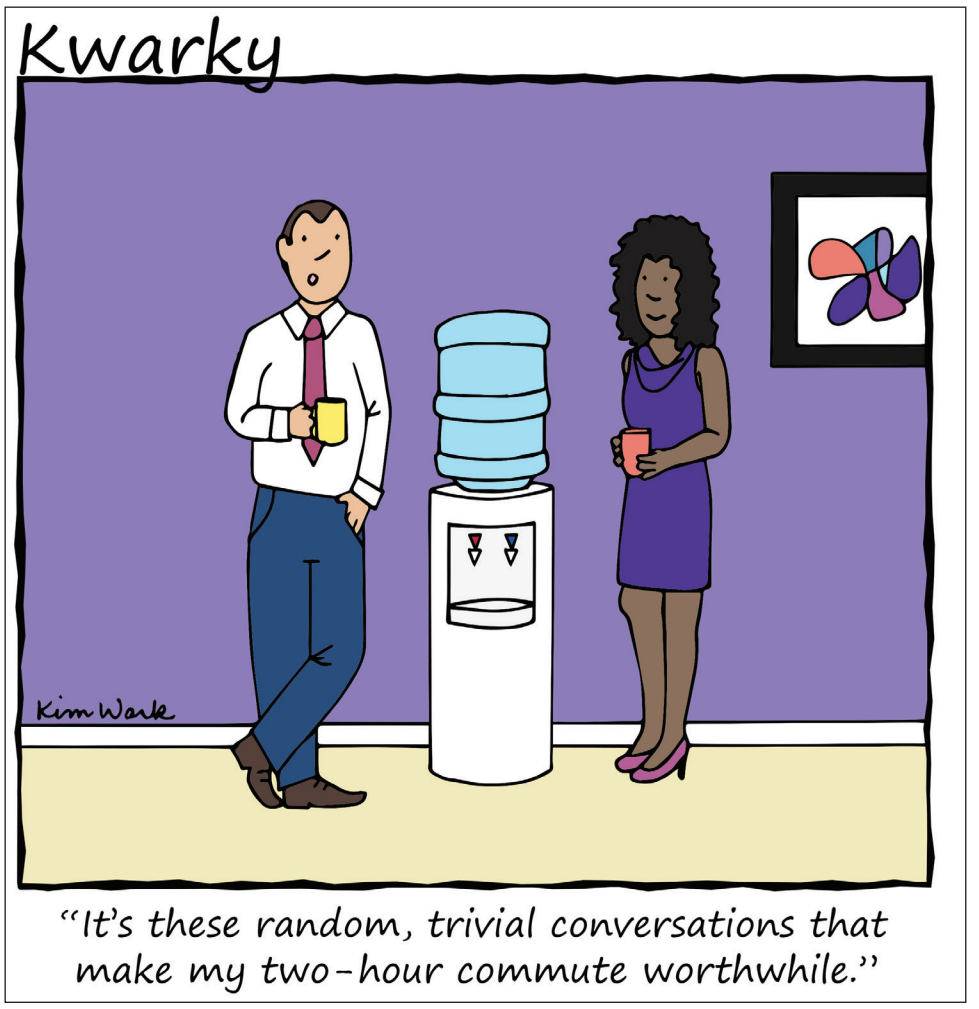
Often, young professionals don't carry all those stars. And that's not a dig on them, that's just the season they are in. And a part of that is quite simply because it's never been done any other way.

It's always been the same people on council. Same faces. Same ideas. Same mindsets.

Perhaps it is not exclusively up to people in positions of power to include young professionals. Perhaps it is a mindset that the community as a whole needs to adopt.

Perhaps we make room for people to have flexible schedules. To understand they need to be financially compensated for their work. To support our council members in the community, and not tear them down any time they slip up. Which they will. Especially if they are new to the role.

A shift in mindset for who we need to represent us; a reflection of our patchwork quilt of community. And our community has people in all seasons of life who deserve to be seen.



To build a liar

JACK LONDON'S famous story *To Build a Fire* is a tale I believe every winter outdoors enthusiast should read. It is about a man who freezes to death while trekking across the Yukon wilderness in minus 75 degree Fahrenheit temperatures. This happened because his arrogance caused him to scoff at the advice of an experienced, old hand, and because he waited until it was too late to build a fire to save himself.

If there is a lesson here, it is this: do not mention this kind of thing on your winter tourism social media posts.

There's probably another too. Knowing how to keep warm in winter environments is one of the most basic skills every outdoor enthusiast should possess. Fire starting is certainly the most time-honoured way to ensure warmth, but never forget there are other more subtle ways that will save you from freezing too.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

For instance, if you can't build a fire, you can always build a liar.

This is a technique I have recently developed and it seems to work like a charm. If you are in the elements and struggling to keep warm, and you cannot make a fire for some reason, you just need utter a dubious hunting- or fishing-related phrase. It should be something like, "Last spring, I hooked and fought a 5-pound brook trout right to the side of the canoe, and then I let it go without even bothering to take a photo or even tell anyone until now…"

I tried this the other week after I started shivering while open air ice fishing. Within minutes, other outdoorsmen closed ranks around me like a herd of musk ox — digestive systems and all. And, just as I was thinking, "Thank goodness" the first one who arrived said, "That's interesting. You know, I caught a 6-pounder and did the same thing."

Seconds later, another angler chimed in. He said, "I caught an 8-pounder and I fought it on 2-pound test fishing line.. It took a size 22 dry fly. "

I decided to fan the flames further, by saying, "You know the second one I caught five minutes later was twice as big…."

Before long, dozens of outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen had gathered from all corners of the lake, each bearing an unbelievable tale that topped mine.

How does this aid in keeping you warm, you ask?

Well, all that hot air is generally enough to create a temperate micro-climate around you, warm enough to melt snow and ice and, perhaps even cause the sap to start running, as it did in this case.

Luckily, I saw what was happening, so I did not turn up the heat up by inciting deer hunting tales, because, frankly, I was overdressed for it.

The only reason I knew to tone it down a bit was because I heard the story of one fellow who nearly got heat stroke while ice fishing last February because the conversation accidentally turned to moose hunting. After that, the ice wasn't safe in that spot for a week.

I get that a lot of people might think this is exaggeration. This might even cause them to think that reading this column was a complete waste of time. If you are one of those people, just ask yourself this: "If that's true, why am I so hot under the collar now?"

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Murray n' me

NOT TOO long ago we used to complain about accommodating weddings and showers into our schedules and budgets, but now it's funerals and celebrations. Every week the death of an icon of our generation is announced. When we reference people whose ideas or accomplishments we admired, we often check whether they're still alive, so we know what tense to use in acknowledging their influence. All this within the larger and darker thrall of society as we know it sliding into a dark decline, the death of democracy, the discernible destruction of the earth, the disintegration of civility as a foundation of civilization.

At the same time, widowhood seems in some danger of reappearing as the last chapter of feminism, the phase of life when women get to reclaim who they really, authentically, maturely, are, independent of their wifely and motherly responsibilities. Concern about the quality of that life takes centre stage: where will that widow live? Will she have enough money to be who and what she wants to be? Will her body hold out? Will her mind be good-enough to manage whatever circumstances present? Will she be sufficiently surrounded by love and care? Will she be crammed into medicalized institutions that treat her like a widget? Will the final chapter be worth living? If/when not, will she be allowed a dignified departure?

These are worthy preoccupations, but perhaps we should also be giving thought to what our responsibility as seniors (I don't say 'elders'; I'll get to that) should be to address the mess the world is sliding into which is, to some extent -- through acts of commission and omission -- of our making. Is our work over? Some, the job of growing old and departing this earth, we can't assign to others. But is there some work that is ours to do before we bid adieu?

FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

Murray Sinclair died in November 2024 at age 73, relatively young for our times. Congestive heart failure. A heart worn out from, perhaps, caring too much, working too assiduously to do what he accepted as his purpose in life. His memoir, *Who We Are: Four Questions for a Life and a Nation,* hit the shelves in September. It's an oral narrative edited by his son Niigaan, a professor at University of Manitoba, and Sara Sinclair, an Indigenous academic of Oral History at Columbia University. In the Anishinaabe tradition, Murray teaches by telling stories. The pinnacle of his life was leading the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, but in the end, he worried that the concept of mutuality that was the foundation of the 94 Calls to Action was not sufficiently rooted to withstand the current lurch toward political regression. The report is included as a post-script to his memoir -- a 200 pages postscript, almost as long as Murray's story of his life. The memoir part of the book is titled *Who We Are*, and the report is titled *What We Have Learned.*

Together these cover his four questions: Where do I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? Who am I? His spirit name translates to 'one who speaks of pictures in the sky'. He interprets this as 'reading what's going on around me and understanding that and then explaining it to the people'. He's an Elder.

An Elder, Murray says, (acknowledging that there are many faux elders out there, folks who just got old), is someone who shares 'lived learning experiences' for the potential enlightenment of others. An Elder must have accessed traditional wisdom to reflect on their experiences in order to learn from them, to clarify their path from past to present to future, to know who they are. To share wisdom gained by revisiting the four questions over a lifetime. Elders offer their story with humility and love, hoping that the inherent lesson can be absorbed by one who asks -- if they are able at that moment to learn in that way.

I envy the guidance Murray takes from his history, his lineage and his naming. We settlers are less likely to have our origin stories down pat, to have clan identification and spirit names to guide us. But we can still continuously locate ourselves on the flight path between where we came from and where we're going, and in that thoughtful reflection find our purpose and our persona. We can think critically about where we source our traditional wisdom.

That seems a worthy pathway for widows freed from family caregiving. If we choose to do the work to become not just oldies but Elders. The next wave of Feminism? Bring it on!

Minden Memories

A logging crew skidding logs in the spring time. For years, logging was a primary industry throughout Minden. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HHHS community engagement planned

We are excited to invite you to our Summer Community Engagement Sessions – happening virtually on Feb. 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

During these sessions, we will hear from local leaders and experts on preparing for the future, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and most importantly – you!

We look forward to connecting to share resources and information with you around how to get a power of attorney for health and finance decisions, dive deeper into consent and capacity referrals, shine a light on our new Volunteer Services programming at HHHS, provide additional details on our HHHS Master Plan, and answer your questions around how you can better connect and collaborate with HHHS. Please see below agenda. Virtual dial-in information is coming soon. Recording and presentation will be made available on hhhs.ca website.

- Introduction: Veronica Nelson, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS)
- How to get a POA for Health and Finance: Bram Lebo, Lebo Law
- POA Logistics: Penny Stayropoulos, Partner and Portfolio Manager, Treegrove Investment Management Inc.
- Consent and Capacity Referrals: Beth Archibald
- HHHS Volunteer Services: Amanda Rowden, Community Support Services Manager, HHHS
- HHHS Master Plan Sessions Overview: Veronica Nelson, President and CEO, HHHS
- Connect and Collaborate with HHHS: Lauren Ernst, Communications and Employee Experience Lead, HHHS
- Your Turn! Run by Lauren Ernst (Moderator)
- Final Remarks and Evaluation: Veronica Nelson

Submitted

HCPL's Book of the Week

It's 1942 and with men away fighting a war, Pearl, like many young women of her time, is afforded an unusual opportunity to help the war effort – whetting her appetite for a life that is more than tending house and children. Rod is a Canadian laboratory technician awaiting deployment to the front lines with his hospital unit. Finding romance is not on either of their minds but when their paths cross, they are forced to face up to their conflicted hearts while navigating their separate war-torn worlds.

More than a love story, this novel was inspired by a war bride's true story and follows the path of the Number 10 Canadian General Hospital as it is deployed to the front lines.

Promise of the Bluebell Woods by Marie Gage is available to borrow as a book or book club set from the Haliburton County Public Library.

October 2024 Year in Review

MH council lobbies for the return of school bus

"It is too far for children to be expected to walk, some as young as three years old," said Karin Kleer in a letter to township council. "How many adults walk 1.6 kilometres back and forth to their place of work five days per week?" With some students having to walk two kilometres to school, there has been public outcry about the need for crosswalks and traffic lights in Minden. "At this time the most practical and cost-effective approach until we receive a formal report and a budget update is to employ a crossing guard and a spare under the jurisdiction of bylaw services," said Councillor Shirley Johannessen. Mayor Bob Carter and Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey requested a meeting with school board officials.

Water Festival inspires kids to become water stewards

The Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha (HMK) Water Festival is an annual event that is put on by the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning in partnership with U-Links Centre for Community Based Research and the Kinark Outdoor Centre. The 19th Water Festival was held on Oct. 1 and 2 for students in Grades 4 through 6 from across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the local homeschooling communities. "It's essential for us to have local community volunteers as well," said Kara Mitchell, coordinator of the HMK Children's Water Festival. "We are mostly made of water and we are dependent on water as it is a life giving element."

Mayors meet with school board on bussing needs

"In our discussions with the school board so far, we're not particularly hopeful," said Mayor of Minden Hills Bob Carter. He hopes a face-to-face meeting will entail discussion that will yield some direction to resolution. "Depending on our level of success there, we will go beyond that to move it up the ladder to the (Ministry of Education)," he said.

Easton's Valu Mart in Minden donated 450 snack bags to the school and were part of raising funds that contributed over $10,000 to the ASES Healthy Snack Program. Pictured, Linda Easton of Valu Mart stands with ASES Principal Mike Gervais outside the school after dropping off snacks to the students. /FILE

Minden Kin Club donates $50,000 towards Here for You in the Highlands Campaign

"We made a donation of $50,000 towards the imaging program at the Haliburton Hospital. There is a really strong need in the community for it," says Andy Rickard, president of the Minden Kin Club. "Our motto is to serve the community's greatest need. When we heard the presentation on the benefit of this to the community, we decided that it was something greatly needed by the community." With the increased animosity towards the HHHS' shutdown of the Minden ER, Kin Club members hope that their support will allow others to see the HHHS' vision of the old hospital site. "There was a good plan and it made sense. It just wasn't communicated well," said Rickard.

The Salt Cellars dazzled crowds at the Dominion Hotel in October. The show offered guests a chance to purchase the band's newest album, which was released in 2024. /FILE

Slater, the red-tailed hawk found poisoned by rodenticide

A red-tailed hawk was rescued south of Norland and transported to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden to receive care. The hawk, now named Slater, was found near the side of the road. The hawk was found to be suffering from rodenticide poisoning. Slater responded well to a vitamin K therapy to neutralize the toxicity within its system. "He is very lucky," says Allison Hansen, founder of Rodenticide Free Ontario. "Very few respond that well to vitamin K therapy." His treatment has been going well and if necessary, the team is prepared to keep Slater over the winter. Alternative solutions to rodenticide were offered.

Jason approaches visitors at the Haunted Walk held Oct. 25 to 27. /FILE

November 2024 Year in Review

Complaints in numbers may change school bus decision: Carter

Parents and teachers still aren't happy about changes to TLDSB's school bus policy. Mayor Bob Carter urged parents and concerned citizens to contact the school board. Carter said that the board had only received two complaints, despite the pressure from the community. "I basically appeal to anybody out there who has a complaint with this to contact the school board because they're really the only ones who can make a change and end this decision," said Carter.

AH mayor praises green burial plans

Burials and naturalization work at St. Stephen's Cemetery's natural burial section should proceed from front to back for aesthetic, practical, and biological reasons, said Carolyn Langdon of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners. A new gazebo for the county's first green burial area in a cemetery was built by Fleming College students. "I have to say, from my perspective, I'm a little shocked because my mind has been focused on a wildflower meadow over the burial site as opposed to an all-encompassing policy for the surrounding area," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Liz Danielsen."I was shocked to see the number of trees. I just hadn't considered that bushes or trees would be appropriate in the actual burial site area." What the green burial area will look like in terms of renaturalization will come down to the annual municipal operating and capital budgets.

Firefighters carry naloxone for a reason other than you'd think

Don Kruger, the Minden Hills fire chief, reported on the dangers of fentanyl to the council of Minden Hills. "We do carry the naloxone but at this point we have not received the full certification training to administer it to the public," Kruger said. "We carry it for our own safety." Kruger also stated that the province is transitioning to a new dispatching system that will hopefully decrease the number of medical calls to which the fire department responds to.

Scotch Line landfill hatches bird-brained scheme for gulls

Reporter Thomas Smith visited the Scotch Line Landfill and spent a day with Andrew Carroll from Royal Canadian Falconry and Quetzel, a Harris's hawk. Carroll demonstrated how their company does bird abatement, with hundreds of gulls taking off in the sky when Quetzel was released. Currently, Royal Canadian Falconry takes care of 20 birds of prey. Other aspects of their business, such as the use of birds in movies and television was discussed.

Above, John Daignault shows a glass ornament that needed to be removed from 12 Mile Cemetery. /FILE

Left, Father Times walks in the Santa Claus Parade in Minden. /FILE

Local cadets stand at attention at the cairn during the Remembrance Day ceremony in Minden. /FILE

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Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School know that the sky is the limit, especially at their annual Christmas Concert. /FILE

The Canadian Tire Gas+ station in Minden will be rebranding as Petro-Canada. "Through this new partnership, Canadian Tire Corporation will expand the reach of our Triangle Rewards program from over 200 gas stations to a network of more than 1,800, driving enhanced value for Canadians at the pumps by providing more opportunities for members to earn CT Money in a high-frequency category," said Greg Hicks, CEO and president of Canadian Tire Corporation in a press release. /FILE

Minden Canadian Tire to change hands

Terry Gregorini announced that the Minden Canadian Tire will be changing hands in 2025. The new owner of the Canadian Tire will be Scott English, with the Minden Canadian Tire being the fifth location that he has owned and operated. Gregorini said that there are big plans for the Minden Canadian Tire including upgrading the overhanging storage area and implementing digital price tags.

$122,800 OTF grant celebrated by Brooksong community

The Brooksong community met online to celebrate their OTF grant. Brooksong utilized the grant to offer unique and transformative online cancer support programs, while also spreading word of their mission across Ontario. The grant allowed Brooksong to develop 'Re-Shaping Our Cancer Stories' and 'Take a Thread and Follow It,' as well as to support the nonprofit's costs for facilities, technical equipment, and administrative costs. A new online program titled 'Healing Circles' was announced.

Council douses fireworks use except on Canada Day

AH council announced that they will be restricting fireworks to only Canada Day. About 61 per cent of respondents were in favour of prohibiting their use. Mayor Danielsen stated that she was not prepared to outright ban fireworks completely, limiting their use to Canada Day. Special permits to allow fireworks were discussed. Coun. Sabrina Richards discussed implementing a ban during migratory bird season.

Minden postal workers forced back to work

After nearly five weeks of striking, CUPW Local 564 workers have been ordered back to work by the Canadian Industrial Relations Board. On Dec. 13, Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon reported that the two parties are at an impasse. MacKinnon has approached the Canada Industrial Relations Board regarding this impasse that Canada Post and all employees under CUPW to resume and continue operations and duties under an extension of the older agreement until May 22, 2025. Local CUPW Local 564 shared their thoughts and motivations behind striking, with the general consensus being that they were fighting for rights and wages of future employees.

Minden Hills Fire Department held their annual Toy Drive on Dec. 8. /FILE

The Grinch spent his evening as the MC for Boshkung Social's Ugly Christmas Sweater Karaoke held on Saturday, Dec. 23. /FILE

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Rink ready for Minden

The Township of Minden Hills wishes to advise that the Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Memorial Rink will be open as of Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025. The outdoor rink is located on the lower baseball diamond behind SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena, there is no admission fee to use the rink. Rink is subject to weather conditions and the following rules.

• The ice area is for skating only; no sticks, pucks or other equipment will be permitted.

• Strollers are not permitted on the ice surface.

• CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended for all skaters.

• Skaters are encouraged to skate at a sensible and safe speed in the same direction as other skaters at all times.

• All participants must be wearing skates while on the ice surface.

• Speed skating, figure skating, backward skating, participation in horseplay, skating games, and carrying children while on the ice will not be permitted.

• Do not visit parks and outdoor ice rinks if you are not feeling well.

• The Dawson Hamilton Memorial Outdoor rink is self regulated and the Township of Minden Hills is not responsible for any injury, loss or damage caused by the use of the outdoor rink. Use at own risk.

Assumption of Risk

Skaters and spectators are deemed to have knowledge of and assume the inherent risks including, but not limited to:

• Injuries from collisions or contact with other individuals on the ice surface, and injuries from falls.

For questions regarding the outdoor rink, please contact the Community Services Department at 705-286-1260 x 554. For more information, visit the Township of Minden Hills website at www.mindenhills.ca.

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• Contact: Kayla Gardiner at sales@bonnieviewinn.com or 705-457-2350

• Website: www.bonnieviewinn.com

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Labour shortage and rising costs hamper tourism

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Haliburton County tourism stakeholders have taken stock of the past two seasons with the aim of gauging how the local industry is coming along.

Angelica Ingram, the county's tourism manager, walked Haliburton County council through the results of a pair of surveys conducted at the end of last year's tourism season. One was by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization and another was pursued by the county.

She said in a report to council that the tourism department staff undertook various efforts to gauge stakeholder engagement in last year's fourth quarter. Staff hoped to create a snapshot of how tourism businesses fared overall during the year.

A Tourism Stakeholder Business Performance and Sustainability Survey was also conducted by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO).

Key insights were gleaned from both the county survey and the OHTO survey, which included more than 40 tourism-related businesses.

In 2024, about 28 per cent of businesses reported slightly better revenue. Nine per cent experienced significantly better revenue, while 35 per cent saw slightly better visitation compared to 2023. However, 23 per cent reported slight declines in revenue.

The majority of respondents saw a decrease in business from May to October in 2024 compared to 2023.

Tourism operators seem cautiously optimistic about the 2025 season. Forty per cent of respondents expect slightly better business performance and 14 per cent anticipate significantly better performance. Thirty-five percent anticipate 2025 will be about the same as 2023 and 2024.

It was learned that some major barriers to growth include access to capital, labour shortages, sales volume challenges, and rising operating costs. Specific concerns were about housing availability for seasonal staff, overhead costs, and climate-related impacts like shorter winter seasons.

Key investment priorities for 2025 include marketing and promotions and recruiting qualified staff. Top community priorities include workforce development, sustainable development, and attracting businesses and residents.

Environmental concerns centre on litter, water pollution, wildlife impact, and overcrowding in natural areas. Climate change impacts such as milder winters, extreme weather, and wildfire risks are significant challenges for stakeholders.

The section on total visitation to tourism businesses in 2024 compared to 2023 reveals five per cent indicated a substantial improvement in visitation. Thirty-five per cent of respondents said they experienced a slight visitation increase.

> "Most of the results are fairly positive with a lot of our businesses looking into this year with some optimism, so we're happy to see that."
>
> — ANGELICA INGRAM, COUNTY'S TOURISM MANAGER

Twenty-eight per cent experienced about the same as 2023, and reported no significant change in visitation numbers. Twenty-one per cent said their season was slightly worse last year and 12 per cent indicated they faced a significant decline in visitation.

Ingram said in a report to county council that the department has been addressing some of the key areas of concern for tourism businesses, including labour shortages and marketing and promotion partnerships.

Looking ahead to 2025, these results will help guide some of our decisions around collaborations and product development.

"Most of the results are fairly positive with a lot of our businesses looking into this year with some optimism, so we're happy to see that," Ingram said.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, suggested a comparison of tourist visitation numbers in 2024 and 2023 be provided.

"We've got almost a 50-50 split," Dailloux said. "I mean, it's not quite there."

Some respondents characterized the comparison as significantly better. Many respondents described the last season as slightly better than the previous.

"But then quite a few saying slightly worse and significantly worse," Dailloux said. "Is there any way to disaggregate what those numbers mean, either for this report or for a future report so that we know is it the same type of tourism business that's experiencing slightly worse (engagement)?"

Disaggregate. I had to look it up, too. It means to separate something into its component parts. To take a look at something by way of its pieces.

Dailloux said she isn't certain of how a broad spread of information can be used.

Ingram said she will reach out to the OHTO and request some specific data.

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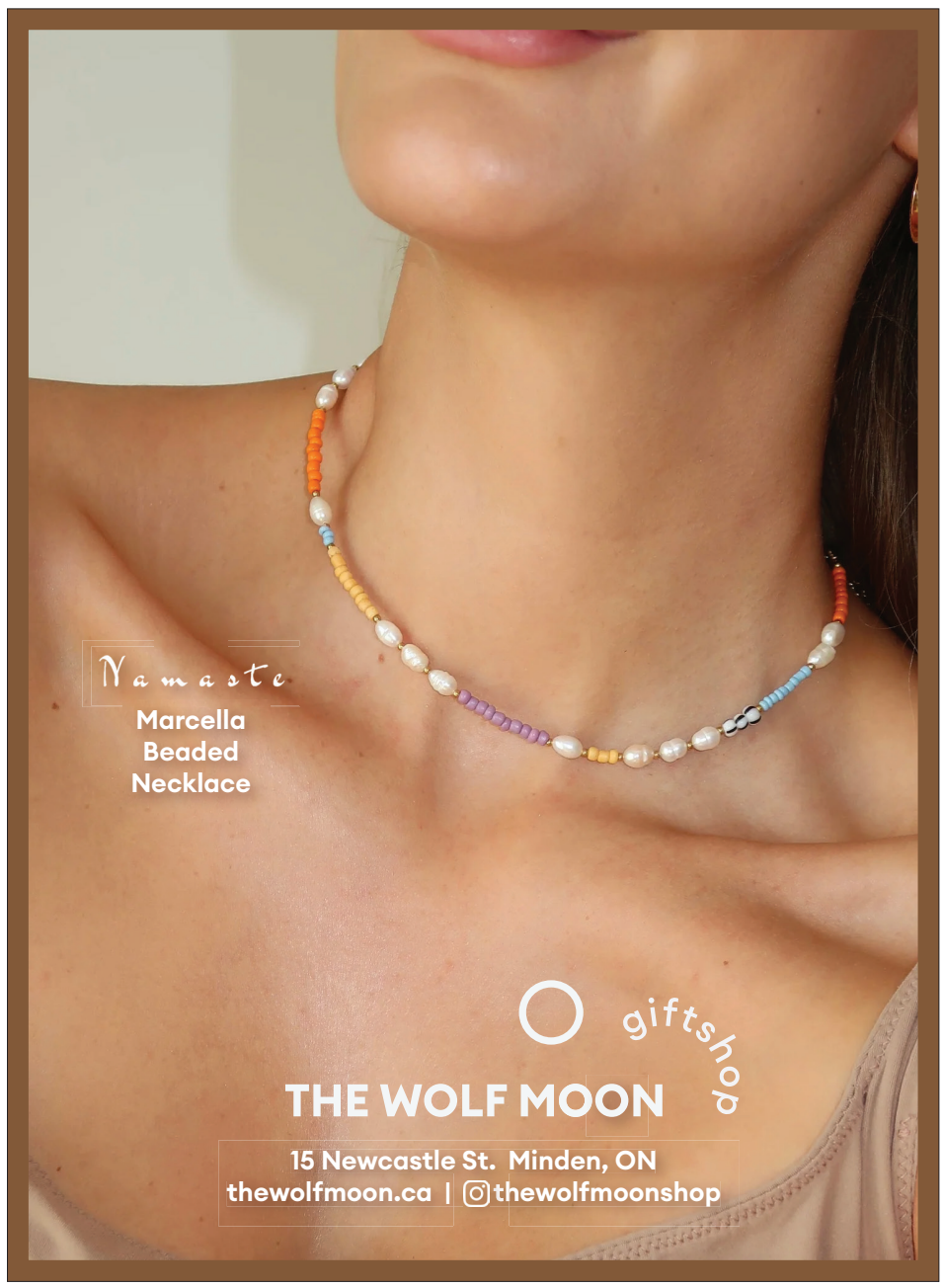

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Severus the Eastern rat snake visits Archie Stouffer.

A young student admires Severus the snake.

Emma Hunt and Krystal Hewitt addressed a crowd in the ASES Library last Tuesday.

Speaking of Wildlife

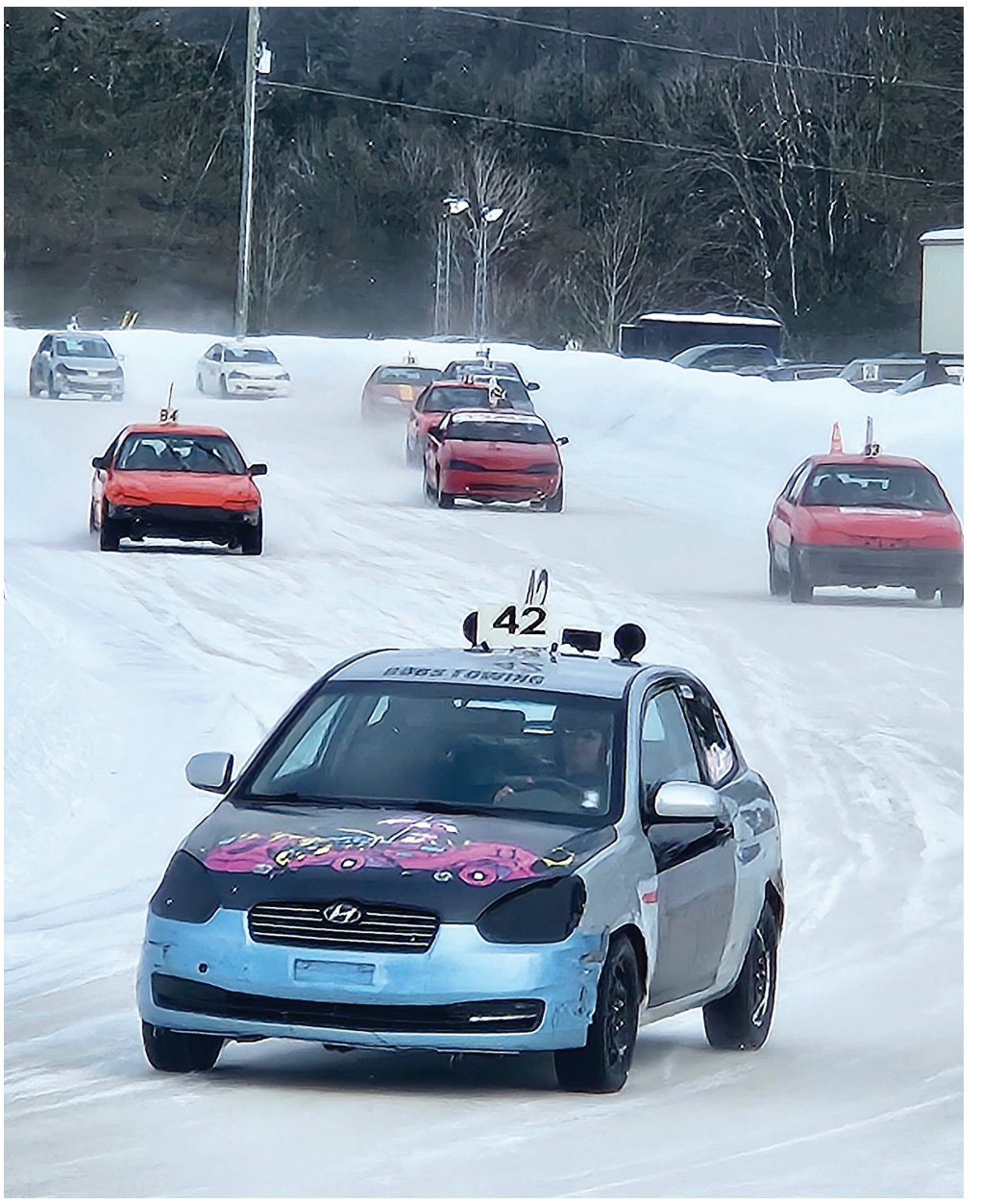
The Highlands Land Trust visited Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Jan. 21, to educate classes about the variety of animals often seen in the Haliburton Highlands region. The presentation was funded by TD Friends of the Environment, and was a part of the Land Trust's community education mandate. Below, Emma Hunt holds Pipsqueak, an eastern grey squirrel during the school visit. /THOMAS SMITH staff

Emma holds Toes the opossum during Speaking of Wildlife's presentation.

Students were thrilled to meet the variety of animals from Speaking of Wildlife on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Emma Hunt and Krystal Hewitt presented the animals and discussed all things nature. The presentation was funded by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, with funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Fund.

Start your engines

Ice races kicked off this past weekend, with racers officially hitting the tracks on Jan. 25 for the first laps of the season around the Minden Fairgrounds. The long-awaited draw to Minden Village relies on weather for a successful season, and in light of a weak winter last year, racers and spectators are eager for a good season ahead. /THOMAS SMITH Staff



Mindful of Mooch: how deer feeding causes problems

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Times Staff

Minden's Monika Melichar of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary is advising residents not to feed 'Mooch', the white-tailed deer. After another member of Mooch's herd was killed on Jan. 18, Melichar urges residents to cease feeding the deer and growing it's dependency on humans. /Submitted

'Mooch', the white-tailed deer has become the poster child for the issues with feeding deer in Haliburton. Nicknamed by Minden's Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary founder Monika Melichar, Mooch can be seen begging for food outside of Todd's Independent grocery store in Haliburton.

Two weeks ago, Melichar received several phone calls regarding a deer that was wandering around Haliburton County Road 21, getting pet by visitors, and being fed apples in the Independent parking lot.

All of these acts were committed by Mooch, a rotund white-tailed deer (The sex of Mooch has not been identified yet). Mooch has been able to learn that people are getting food from the store, and sharing. Recently, Mooch has been spotted poking its head in people's grocery bags, following customers to their car, and stealing items from people's shopping bags.

On Jan. 17, Melichar set out to find Mooch and assess their health, after concerned citizens notified her of the little deer's presence.

"He's a perfectly healthy young yearling. There's nothing wrong with him," said Melichar. "He is super fat and healthy."

Mooch is a part of the herd of deer that lives behind the Independent grocery store in Haliburton, around Industrial Park Road. The herd of deer are also fed by the Feed and Seed store on Mallard Road, says Melichar.

Frequently wandering away from the herd, Mooch has become totally unconcerned with humans, vehicles and any commotion in the parking lot.

On Jan. 18, Melichar received a call about a white-tailed that had been hit on the road in front of the Independent. Fearing the worst, she hopped in her car.

The deer in the ditch was not Mooch. Unfortunately, the deer was critically injured and required to be euthanized by OPP officers.

Mooch could have very well been the deer that was struck. Melichar described what people are doing to Mooch as "killing with kindness."

Melichar is desperate for people to think twice before feeding Mooch and other deer. Coaxing and feeding a wild animal is dangerous. Humans have a tendency to feed wild animals, sometimes leading to their death.

Freya, a young female walrus from Norway was euthanized in 2021 after she received increased attention from tourists. After sinking several boats while hauling out and chasing one woman into the water, Directorate of Fisheries sought the advice of a local veterinarian. The veterinarian concluded that Freya was not getting enough rest and was stressed out. Fearing for people's safety, the Directorate of Fisheries made the decision to euthanize Freya. They decided not to sedate her and transport her to a zoo in fear of her drowning to death.

In 2019, a young black bear from Hagg Lake, Oregon was euthanized after it had become accustomed to being fed by humans. People began to frequently take selfies with it, while giving it human food. This bear, as well as many other food-conditioned bears are euthanized across Canada every year.

Melichar says that if Mooch becomes a danger to people, it is likely he could be euthanized as well.

Melichar has also considered taking Mooch to her wildlife facility, where he could be rehabilitated with a balanced diet and plenty of exercise.

"There is no reason to take him out of the wild, except that he has become a problem child," said Melichar.

An adult male deer can weigh up to 300 or 400 pounds. If Mooch is a male deer, he can become exceptionally strong and demanding, says Melichar. Mooch would have the potential to bunt people, kick people, and knock them over.

"If he is a buck, he will become a problem," said Melichar.

Feeding Mooch apples and carrots not only poses a danger to people, but a danger to the deer's own health.

A deer has specialized gut flora that changes with the seasons, says Melichar. In the winter, deer are browse feeders. Their diets typically consist of woody substances such as shrubs, shoots, twigs, and acorns. In the summer, deer become more accustomed to eating lush and juicy vegetation, similar to things like carrots and apples. Due to the consistent feeding done by residents and businesses in Haliburton, Melichar says starvation is not likely.

Corn is one of deer's favourite treats. Often used as an attractant, deer love the sweetness of the veggie. It provides them a sugar high and insulin rush, but corn can cause bloating and kill a white-tailed deer. Especially when corn is mixed with molasses, deer can hardly resist such tasty treats, potentially leading to death by bloating. In addition to bloat, food-conditioned deer are more likely to develop the condition known as Aladdin's Slippers. When deer are not walking far for food sources, their hooves become overgrown and become quite painful. Unable to walk on their hooves, deer with Aladdin's Slippers bear all of their weight on their ankles, leading to injuries or death.

Melichar knows that many people are not going to cease feeding deer in Haliburton.

Dysart enacted a complete ban on deer feeding in November of 2023, and citizens are still divided on the issue. Some say that feeding deer lures them into the town where they can be hit, while others say that it is a necessity to keep the deer alive after human destruction of their habitat and food sources. County resident Phil Primavera has said that he will never stop feeding the deer, no matter how many fines he receives from the township.

Melichar advises the public that if you are going to feed deer, to feed them a mixture of rolled oats and corn. At her wildlife sanctuary, the deer are fed a mixture of three parts oats and one part corn, which she says the deer still go "buck-wild" over. Grains, rolled oats, bird feed, and even cut cedar branches make excellent deer feed. If you are feeding deer at your house, it is advised to feed them in your backyard as far away from the road as possible.

"Confronting somebody that thinks that they are doing a good thing is hard," said Melichar. Approaching deer like Mooch and giving them an apple gives people a fuzzy feeling. People's egos are rewarded as you think you are doing an act of kindness, she noted.

"They don't love us, all we are is a handout," said Melichar.

She advises anyone that sees deer in the Independent parking lot, to shoo them away. It is important to approach people feeding the deer and educate them that feeding deer like Mooch is not an act of kindness, but one that can lead to their death.

Melichar has reached out to the Independent for comment, but has not received a reply. She intends to put up flyers advising people to not feed the deer, but will only do so when she has permission.

The wildlife sanctuary receives a phone call about a deer that has been struck on the road daily. Often, two to four deer can be struck in a single day.

In order to keep Mooch and other deer safe in Halburton, deer need to remain afraid of humans. With one deer already lost from Mooch's herd, humans have the responsibility to cease interfering with the wildlife in Haliburton County before irreparable damage is done.

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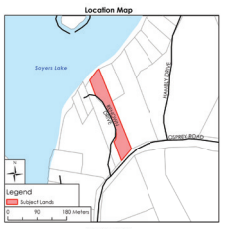
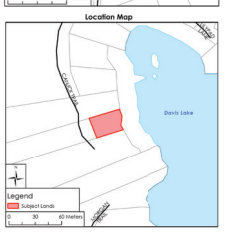
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received an application to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey a parcel of land, being a shoreline road allowance, and more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2024031**: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1056 Renown Drive, located within Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.



2. **File No. PLSRA2024037**: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1257 Canuck Trail, located within Part Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.



The above noted application is available for inspection in the Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to the above referenced application, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than February 22, 2025.

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AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, a By-law giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)
Manager of Planning
Township of Minden Hills
705-286-1260 Ext. 506
adougherty@mindenhills.ca

The Archie Stouffer Wlidcats went into Haliburton for a Volleyball Tournament last Tuesday at JDH. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

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The Wildcats showed strength and determination as they battled the JDH Jaguars last Tuesday in Haliburton during their volleyball tournament, with the teams coming out on top of the series.

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- The Self Support structure will sit within a chain-link fenced compound. The compound will contain a walk-in equipment cabinet housing radio equipment, tools, manuals and first aid kit.
- The site will provide fast and reliable wireless voice and data services in the Township of Minden Hills in the area of Mountain Lake, eliminating the need for additional infrastructure in the area.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

With respect to this matter, the public is invited to provide written comments or request additional information by **March 3rd, 2025,** to the contact shown below. Please include a return address.

Spectra Point Inc. - Agent for Rogers
Saja Elshaikh
302 – 1090 Don Mills Road
Toronto, ON M3C 3R6
Phone: (647) 447-8548
Email: saja@spectrapoint.ca

LOCATION: Site located in a forested lot 1400 metres north and 370 metres east of the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Scotch Line Road.

ADDRESS: PART LOT 14-15 CONCESSION A MINDEN

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LA CONSULTATION PUBLIQUE :

En ce qui concerne cette question, le public est invité à fournir des commentaires écrits ou à demander des informations supplémentaires avant le 3 Mars 2025, au contact indiqué ci-dessous. Veuillez inclure une adresse de retour.

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Where: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School
For Grades 6 to 12. For more info contact haliburton@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

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When: Feb 1-2, Feb. 8-9, Feb. 15-16, Feb. 22-23, and Mar. 1-2
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When: Saturday, Feb. 1 at noon
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Speaker: Mary Hamilton "Making Valentine's Day Cards Using Flower Pounding." Bring your own plate, cutlery & mug as well as a dish for the pot luck. New members welcome!

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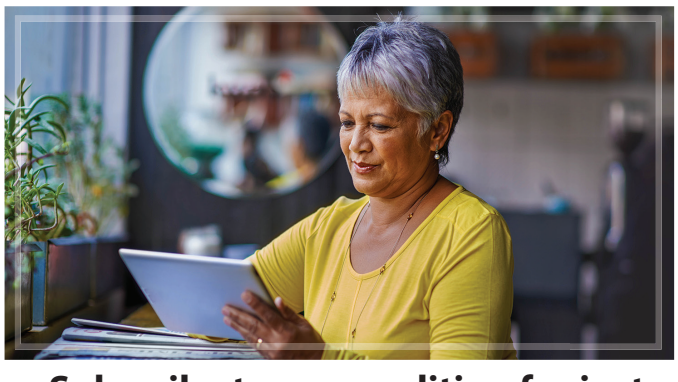

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When someone speaks your name,
Sad are the hearts that loved you
Silent the tears that fall
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special days will not return
With you and us together
But with the love within our hearts
You'll walk with us forever

Missing you always
Cara and Peer
Kelly and Mark
Jesse and Emma
Erin and Riley

In loving memory of

Sherman Cruikshanks

July 11, 1942 - January 26, 2024

Remember him with love today
He wasn't one for tears
Reflect instead on memories
Of all the happy years

Recall his laugh,
The way he spoke
The helpful things he did
His strength, his skills
The way he teased
Remember these instead

The good times that
He shared with us
His eyes that shone with fun
So much of him that never died
He left for everyone

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts

Missing you always
Your daughters
Tammy and Angela

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In Loving Memory of
Brian Hall

Passed away peacefully at the Margaret Bahen Hospice, Newmarket on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the age of 80.

Beloved husband of the late Barbara (2020). Dear father of Bob (deceased) and Barb Johnson, Bill and Tammie, Jim and Louise. Dear Papa of many grandchildren and Great Papa but known as Great to his great grandchildren. Brother of Bill and Gay and their daughter Tina.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held in the spring at the Minden Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for Community Care (HHHSF) or the Margaret Bahen Hospice (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Near-perfect conditions

Mushers draw thousands to Minden Derby

It was a perfect weekend for racing according to the Race Governor of the Minden Sled Dog Derby Val Lougheed. She was commenting following the close of the fourteenth annual Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sunday afternoon, February 1.

"The weather was ideal, the trail conditions were next to perfect, the spectators came out in droves and the best mushers in north America came to Minden. I couldn't have asked for anything more," Lougheed said.

Her comments were repeated by mushers and many of the thousands of visitors who converged on Minden. "This has always been my favourite race," a veteran musher said. "The trail is a tough one, but the welcome and organization is second to none." Many of the spectators repeated those sentiments.

The top spot in the eight dog competition went to Pierre Thibadeau of St. Georges, Quebec. He managed to shave one minute and twenty seconds off his Saturday time of 29:35.20 to claim the first place prize with an overall run of 57:44.47. The eight dog teams run eight miles each day with the two day total determining the winner. In second spot was Arleigh Reynolds of Spencer, New York who covered the 16 mile distance in 58:36.61. Third place went to John Samburg of Paul Smiths, New York at 59:04.94. Minden racer, and a member of the organizing committee, Steve Lougheed, placed ninth with a time of 1:00:50.76.

World champion musher Lou Serre of Markstay, Ontario led the four dog class with a combined two day total of 30:32.17. The four dog teams run four miles in each of the two heats. Gary Callahan of Madison, Ohio was over a minute behind Serre at 31:41.80 to place second. Third spot went to Pat Hnatiuk of Massey Ontario with a time of 31:58.52. Minden musher Jesse Lougheed placed fifteenth at 36:50.48 with his brother Caleb in twentieth spot at 38:16.38.

The event, which is sponsored by Martin Pet Foods of Elmira, makers of Techni-Cal Dog Food, attracted thousands of spectators to Minden on both days of the weekend. The race had originally been scheduled for January 17 and 18, but had to be postponed due to poor trail conditions.

Leigh Gilchrist of Brechin, Ontario, and his team charge for the finish line during the Saturday heat of the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby. The Gilchrist team was one of nearly 70 to compete during the weekend.

SIRCH book is a guide for other communities

In a quiet room at the University of Toronto, on January 26, a Haliburton County dream became a reality. SIRCH Inc. held a book launch for the book *From Dream to Reality*, the story of how the Women's Emergency House in Haliburton was conceived and created. MPP Chris Hodgson and Diane Cunningham, the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Minister responsible for Women's Issues, were on hand to participate in the event.

From Dream to Reality tells the story of SIRCH's realization of the need for an emergency shelter for women in abusive situations, and the community that helped make the idea a tangible reality. It is a step by step guide for any community to construct its own emergency house. The book was originally written in 1995, but has been updated by Lon Duncombe, due to a large number of requests for information from around the world. Inquiries have been made from as far away as New Zealand, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Holland and Japan, for help on similar projects. The hope is that with this publication, SIRCH can assist other communities in Ontario, Canada and the rest of the world, in the creation of self-sufficient emergency shelters for women.

The Executive Director of SIRCH, Gena Robertson, spoke of the grassroots community participation, hard work and dedication that built the Women's Emergency House. "From Dream to Reality outlines what we did, or didn't do and why, the obstacles, the decisions, the successes and the people involved," said Robertson. "We learned lots of lessons and we've passed those on to the reader."

Women's Emergency House was built in 1993 in response to the need for a refuge for women in Haliburton County. Prior to its construction, a woman who wanted to leave an abusive situation would have to leave the county in order to receive help. Now, after five years of operation, the Women's Emergency House has assisted 39 women and 48 children.

The facility has been accessed on almost 900 bednights. The women range in age from 17 to 64 and the children from two months to 16 years of age. The emergency house contains three bedrooms, with room for up to 12 women and children to stay for up to three weeks. It provides a safe environment and is also wheelchair accessible.

The house was built with the help of many volunteers and local businesses, who donated time, labour and materials. According to Gena Robertson, the house receives no annualized funding from the government. It survives with the help of fundraising and grants. Robertson stated that this venture, although ideal in small rural areas, such as Haliburton County, should not be considered an alternative for government funded facilities.

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